

REMARKS

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Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKING TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

7. (Once Amended) The method as claimed in claim [1 or] 5, wherein the cationic electrodeposition coating composition (A) is a lead-free cationic electrodeposition coating composition further containing a bismuth-containing compound.

New Claims 10 to 12 have been added.

In the Specification:

The following priority history has been inserted on page 1 between the title and the first line:

This application has benefit of the priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 00/285312, filed on September 20, 2000, and Japanese Patent Application No. 00/285313, filed on September 20, 2000.